

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and the City of Virginia Beach invite citizens to a public meeting to discuss the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal bacteria impairments in the Back Bay and North Landing Watersheds. Water quality monitoring indicates that bacteria levels in Nanney Creek, Milldam Creek, and Middle West Neck Creek violate Virginia's water quality standards. A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the impairments was approved by EPA in 2005 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/chowanrvr/chowant.pdf>.

The Implementation Plan will identify ways to meet the pollutant reductions outlined in the TMDL study. A Technical Advisory Committee comprised of stakeholders from the watersheds was formed in Spring 2007, and has worked over the past year to conduct additional studies in the Nanney Creek watershed and develop a list of potential pollutant reduction actions that can be implemented in all three watersheds.

The final public meeting to review the development of the TMDL Implementation Plan and discuss the proposed Plan will be held on:

Monday, January 26, 2009: 7:00pm

Creeds Elementary School

920 Princess Anne Road

Virginia Beach, Virginia

The purposes of this meeting are to report the results of the ground truthing study conducted by the City of Virginia Beach in the Nanney Creek watershed and discuss the implementation actions that the Technical Advisory Committee developed. The IP includes the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs,

benefits and environmental impacts. The IP also provides measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A copy of the draft Implementation Plan is available upon request.

How to comment: The formal public comment period on the IPs will end on February 27, 2009. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Written comments and inquires should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jennifer Howell at DEQ or Bill Johnston at the City of Virginia Beach:

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